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Ernst JAHODA

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1. We have received information recently through military channels that an ECIC indigenous interrogator [] was in contact with Ernst JAHODA in the fall of 1952. At the time, they discussed JAHODA's plans for defecting, but before anything could develop, JAHODA was recalled to Budapest and replaced in the Hungarian Trade Mission by one Ferenc RET. Before he left, JAHODA arranged a secure method of getting in touch with the ECIC interrogator. Recently, word came through this channel from JAHODA that he was convinced that should RET's reentry permit to Germany be turned down, he, JAHODA, would replace RET in the Hungarian Trade Delegation in Frankfurt.

2. The above information came to our attention because [] to whom the report should have been sent, was out of town and [] felt that this was an emergency. This office immediately contacted REGION III, explaining our interest in JAHODA, and were told that any attempt to stop RET's reentry permit would in no way jeopardize their operation against the Hungarian Trade Delegation here. We have now taken the necessary steps to stop RET's reentry permit.

3. We are calling this to your attention because undoubtedly the original lead outlined in para 1 will come to CIC through their own channels.

4. It of course would be contemplated to check on [] and get a detailed account of his story before pursuing any further steps. DRC has indicated interest in this case and the debriefing would be done on their premises. There is no doubt but what CIC's interests will be served once they are specifically stated to us.

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